

founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1485. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 14449) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1486. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 14447) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1487. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 14456) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1488. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 14461) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1489. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1490. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (OCC-2007-0007) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1491. A communication from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's compensation plan for 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1492. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's oversight of recruiter misconduct; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1493. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Data Filed by Certificated or Commuter Air Carriers to Support Continuing Fitness Determinations Involving Citizenship Issues" (RIN2105-AD25) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1494. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Stability Control" (RIN2127-AJ77) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1495. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Upgrade Door Retention Performance" (RIN2127-AH34) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1496. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Car Assessment Program; Safety Labeling" (RIN2127-AJ76) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1497. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Phillipsburg, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-13)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1498. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Thedford, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-12)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1499. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-15)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1500. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-155)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1501. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-69)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1502. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CTRM Aviation Sdn. Bhd. Model Eagle 150B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. CE-11)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1503. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ, -135ER, -135KE, -135KL, and -135LR Airplanes; and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and

-145EP" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-120)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1504. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135 Airplanes and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-167)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1505. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 145 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-106)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1506. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-145)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1507. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-62, DC-8-63, DC-8-62F, and DC-8-63F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-063)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1508. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Arrius 2F Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-33)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1509. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-166)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1510. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-6, PC-6-H1, PC-6-H2, PC-6/350, PC-6/350-H1, PC-6/350-H2, PC-6/A, PC-6/A-H1, PC-6/A-H2, PC-6/B-H2, PC-6/B1-H2, PC-6/B2-H2, PC-6/B2-H4, PC-6/C-H2, and PC-6/C1-H2 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-19)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1511. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Approvals" ((RIN2120-AI50)(Docket No. FAA-2006-21332)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1512. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Commercial Space Transportation Regulations" ((RIN2120-AI45)(Docket No. FAA-2005-21234)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1513. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew and Space Flight Participants" ((RIN2120-AI57)(Docket No. FAA-2005-23449)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1514. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extended Operations of Multi-Engine Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AI03)(Docket No. FAA-2002-6717)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1515. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing and Safety Requirements for Launch" ((RIN2120-AG37)(Docket No. FAA-2000-7953)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1516. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, the report of draft legislation to amend the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, and the NASA Flexibility Act of 2004 to provide NASA additional workforce flexibilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1517. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Trade Commission Report to Congress on Marketing Violent Entertainment to Children: A Fifth Follow-Up Review of Industry Practices in the Motion Picture, Music Recording and Electronic Game Industries"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Cirsium hydrophilum* var. *hydrophilum* (Suisun thistle) and *Cordylanthus mollis* ssp. *mollis* (soft bird's-beak)" (RIN1018-AU44) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1519. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2007 Season" (RIN1018-AU59) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1520. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pilot Testing of Electronic Prescribing Standards—Cooperative Agreements"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1521. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations: Application of Section 409A to Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans" ((RIN1545-BE79)(TD9321)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1522. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Automobile Depreciation Limits" (Rev. Proc. 2007-30) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1523. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April—June 2007 Section 42 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2007-25) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1524. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Regulations Relating to Portfolio Interest" ((RIN1545-BF64)(TD9323)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1525. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mirror Legislation and the United Kingdom" (Uniform Issue List Number 1503.06-00) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1526. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the Application of Section 409A to Split-Dollar Insurance Arrangements" (Notice 2007-34) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1527. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911 Waiver Rev. Proc.—2006 Update" (Rev. Proc. 2007-28) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1528. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anti-Avoidance and Anti-Loss Reimportation Rules Applicable Following a Loss on Disposition of Stock of Consolidated Subsidiaries" ((RIN1545-BG26)(TD9322)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1529. A communication from the President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development and effects of the Corporation's fiscal year 2006 projects; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1530. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1531. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of a proposed exercise of the Federal Aviation Administration to transfer \$11 million in fiscal year 2006 Economic Support Funds to the Peacekeeping Operations account to support security sector reform in Liberia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1532. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other

than treaties (List 2007-50—2007-60); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1533. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to methods employed by Cuba to comply with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and the treatment by the Government of Cuba of persons returned to Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1534. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Millennium Challenge Corporation's activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1535. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1536. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dandruff, Seborrheic Dermatitis, and Psoriasis Drug Products Containing Coal Tar and Menthol for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Amendment to the Monograph" ((RIN0910-AF49)(Docket No. 2005N-0448)) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1537. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blood Vessels Recovered With Organs and Intended for Use in Organ Transplantation" (Docket No. 2006N-0051) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1538. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blood Vessels Recovered With Organs Intended for Use in Organ Transplantation" ((RIN0910-AF65)(Docket No. 2006N-0051)) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1539. A communication from the Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1540. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Vermont, North Dakota and New Hampshire" (19 CFR Part 123) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1541. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report containing certain fiscal year 2006 statistical data relative to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with the

Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1542. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-16" (FAC 2005-16) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1543. A communication from the Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its implementation of the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1544. A communication from the Chief Administrative Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1545. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of a Chemical Precursor Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Fentanyl as a List I Chemical" (RIN1117-AB12) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1546. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Civil Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1547. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Conference's determinations on four district courts that were subject to review under the Conference's Biennial Survey of Article III Judgeship Needs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft bill intended to create additional Article III judgeships and convert temporary judgeships to permanent ones in the U.S. courts of appeals and district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-62. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging Congress to consider adoption of a resolution working toward the development of a federal bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments, which help support roads and schools, to forest communities throughout the western states; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create hardship for many counties as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, the federal government promised rural counties twenty-five percent

of all revenues generated from the multiple-use management of the newly created national forests to support public roads and public schools; and

Whereas, in recent decades, the forest resources have not been managed in a manner to produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Act restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes because of declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is pending before the United States Congress, and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and, even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

Whereas, in 2006, House Joint Memorial No. 21 was adopted by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature to provide one option to address the problem of declining forest receipts by urging Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools; and

Whereas, in February 2007, a concurrent resolution was introduced in the Idaho House of Representatives and will be voted on by the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature authorizing Idaho's Legislative Council to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete an assessment of the decline in receipts on National Forest System lands, which have historically been shared with counties. The goal of the interim committee's recommendations will be to develop a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to Idaho's forest counties, which help support roads and schools, and to provide projects that enhance forest ecosystem health, provide employment opportunities, and improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the federal government manages. The resolution calls for the interim committee to work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho, its counties, its school and highway districts, along with the recognized Indian tribes of the state of Idaho. The resolution also provides that the interim committee address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations. The interim committee is directed to formulate a solution that will protect all valid existing rights, existing public access and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That the legislatures of all western states should consider the adoption of similar resolutions, working toward the

development of a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to forest counties throughout the western United States, which help support roads and schools, and to provide projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and provide employment opportunities, and to improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the federal government manages; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States and to the Legislatures of the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

POM-63. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan expressing the Senate's opposition to Norfolk Southern Corporation's proposed sale of its rail lines from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and continuing to the Indiana border; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Whereas, The Norfolk Southern Corporation is considering the sale of its Michigan lines from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo. The Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo line carries the state's busiest high-speed AMTRAK train, the Wolverine, which travels from Detroit to Chicago. The Wolverine travels on the Norfolk Southern Railroad's rail corridor from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo until it connects with AMTRAK's own line. Ridership on this line increased six percent in 2006 to 142,185 passengers; and

Whereas, The Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo portion of the Norfolk Southern line is a vital link between Detroit and Chicago. Expanding the high-speed rail capacity on this line is vital to the future development of this area. New industry, including coal energy, biodiesel, and ethanol fuel plants are proposed for Michigan and specifically along the I-94 corridor located near the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo rail line. Continued operation of this line by Norfolk Southern is essential to expansion of new industry in this area. Over 150 railroad employees' jobs are associated with the rail traffic along this line; and

Whereas, Norfolk Southern is a Class One railroad operator, earning revenue in excess of \$250 million annually. As a Class One operator, Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The proposed sale of the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo lines will almost certainly place the lines under the management of a Class Three operator, a rail company earning revenue of \$20 million or less annually. A Class Three operator will be far less likely to have the means to maintain the lines, thus increasing the chance of accidents. Class Three operators also rely on federal grants for line and equipment maintenance, grants that are not always guaranteed; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we express opposition to Norfolk Southern's proposed sale of its rail lines from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and continuing to the Indiana border; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United